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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for managing privacy preferences or access to restricted information, comprising:

tagging restricted or personal information in a content object to distinguish the restricted or personal information from an unrestricted portion of the object content; and

defining [a] the content object with to include the unrestricted portion of the object content in a mark-up language and a link to the restricted or personal information;

parsing the content object to separate privacy preferences or other restriction preferences of an author or owner of the content object from the content object and to provide access to the privacy preferences or other restriction preferences in response to the content object being collected to satisfy a request; and

distributing the content object based on the privacy preferences or other restriction preferences.

2. Canceled.

3. Canceled.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

storing the content object; and

providing access to the content object.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

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storing the restricted or personal information <u>in a different location from the</u> <u>content object</u>; and

providing access to the restricted or personal information via ~~one of an xLink or~~ <u>the link, wherein the link comprises</u> a secure connection.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving [a] <u>the</u> request for information;

interrogating content sources; and

collecting any content objects responsive to the request <u>from the content sources</u>.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein collecting any content objects responsive to the request comprises using a collection ~~servlet~~ <u>function</u>.

8. Canceled.

9. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising distributing any content object responsive to the request to a privacy function.

10. Canceled.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~10~~ <u>1</u>, further comprising locating or accessing <u>the</u> privacy preferences ~~of an author of the content object~~ or other restriction preferences using ~~an xLink~~ <u>another link</u>.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim of claim 9, further comprising comparing the privacy preferences ~~of an author of the content object~~ or other restriction preferences <u>of the</u> <u>author or owner of the content object</u> to a content provider's policies.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, further comprising distributing ~~original~~ <u>the</u> content object to a requester <u>without any modification to the content object</u> in

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response to the privacy preferences ~~of the author of the content object~~ or other restriction preferences <u>of the author or owner of the content object</u> being consistent with the content provider's policies.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, further comprising:

deleting or replacing ~~private or~~ <u>the</u> restricted <u>or personal</u> information with default or generic information in response to the ~~content~~ privacy preferences ~~of the author of the content object~~ or other restriction preferences <u>of the author or owner of the content object</u> being inconsistent with the content provider's policies;

repackaging the content object in response to deleting or replacing the ~~private or~~ restricted <u>or personal</u> information; and

distributing the repacked content object to a requester <u>without the restricted or personal information which has be deleted or replaced by the default or generic information.</u>

15. (Currently Amended) A method for managing privacy or access to restricted information, comprising:

collecting a content object responsive to a request;

accessing privacy preferences ~~of an author of the content object~~ or other restriction preferences <u>of an author or owner of the content object</u>; ~~and~~

comparing the privacy preferences or other restriction preferences to a content provider's policies<u>;</u>

<u>deleting or replacing private or restricted information with default or generic information in response to the privacy preferences or other restriction preferences being inconsistent with the content provider's policies, wherein the content provider collects the content object and has access to the private or restricted information;</u>

<u>repackaging the content object in response to deleting or replacing the private or restricted information; and</u>

<u>distributing the repacked content object to a requester without the private or restricted information.</u>

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16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising distributing the content object as originally constituted in response to the privacy preferences ~~of the author of the content object~~ or other restriction preferences being consistent with the content provider's policies.

17. Canceled.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising using a collection ~~servlet~~ function to collect the content object responsive to the request.

19. Canceled.

20. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising distributing any content object in response to the request to a privacy function.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20, further comprising parsing <u>the content object to separate</u> the privacy preferences ~~of an author of the content object~~ or other restriction preferences <u>from an unrestricted portion of the content object</u>.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, further comprising locating or accessing the privacy preferences or restriction preferences using ~~an xLink~~ <u>a link</u>.

23. (Currently Amended) A system for managing privacy preferences or access to restricted information, comprising:

a server to collect a content object in response to a request;

a privacy function operable on the server to access privacy preferences ~~of an author of the content object~~ or other restriction preferences <u>of an author or owner of the content object and to compare the privacy preferences or other restriction preferences to a content</u>

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provider's policies, wherein the privacy function deletes or replaces private or restricted information with default or generic information in response to the privacy preferences or restriction preferences being inconsistent with the content provider's policies, and wherein the privacy function repackages the content object in response to deleting or replacing the private or other restricted information; and

a collection function operable on the server to distribute the repackaged content object to the requester without the private or restricted information; and

~~means for comparing the privacy preferences or other restriction preferences to a content provider's policies~~.

24. (Original) The system of claim 23, wherein the privacy function distributes the content object as originally constituted in response to the privacy preferences or other restriction preferences being consistent with the content provider's policies.

25. Canceled.

26. Canceled.

27. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 23, ~~further comprising a~~ wherein the collection function ~~operable on the server~~ is adapted to interrogate content sources and collect content objects from the content sources in responsive to the request.

28. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 23, wherein the privacy function comprises a ~~P3P servlet~~ program to access the privacy preferences or other restriction preferences via ~~an xLink~~ a link.

29. Canceled.

30. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~29~~ 23, wherein the ~~P3P servlet~~ the privacy function comprises means for transmitting the content object as originally constituted to [a] the collection ~~servlet~~ function in response to the privacy preferences or restriction preferences being consistent with the ~~web site or~~ content provider's policies.

31. Canceled.

32. (Currently Amended) A method of making a system for managing privacy preferences or access to restricted information, comprising:

provided a server to collect a content object in response to a request;

providing a privacy function operable on the server to access privacy preferences ~~of an author of the content object~~ or other restriction preferences of an author or owner of the content object;

adapting the privacy function to compare the privacy preferences or other restriction preferences to a content provider's policies;

adapting the privacy function to delete or replace private or restricted information with default or generic information in response to the privacy preferences or restriction preferences being inconsistent with the content provider's policies;

adapting the privacy function to repackage the content object in response to deleting or replacing the private or restricted information; and

providing a collection function operable on the server to distribute the repackaged content object to the requester without the private or restricted information; ~~and~~

~~providing means for comparing the privacy preferences or other restriction preferences to a content provider's policies.~~

33. (Original) The method of claim 32, further comprising adapting the privacy function to distribute the content object as originally constituted in response to the privacy preferences or other restriction preferences being consistent with the content provider's policies.

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34. Canceled.

35. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 32, further comprising ~~providing a~~ adapting the collection function to interrogate content sources and to collect content objects responsive to the request.

36. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 32, further comprising providing a ~~P3P servlet~~ a program in the privacy function to access the privacy preferences or other restricted preferences via ~~an xLink~~ a link.

37. Canceled.

38. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~37~~ 32, further comprising adapting the ~~P3P servlet~~ privacy function to transmit the content object as originally constituted to [a] the collection ~~servlet~~ function in response to the privacy preferences or restriction preferences being consistent with the ~~web site or~~ content provider's policies.

39. Canceled.

40. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method, comprising:

      collecting a content object responsive to a request;

      accessing privacy preferences ~~of an author of the content object~~ or other restriction preferences of an author or owner of the content object; ~~and~~

      comparing the privacy preferences or other restriction preferences to a content provider's policies;

      deleting or replacing private or restricted information with default or generic information in response to the privacy preferences or other restriction preferences being

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inconsistent with the content provider's policies, wherein the content provider collects the

content object and has access to the private or restricted information;

repackaging the content object in response to deleting or replacing the private or

restricted information; and

distributing the repacked content object to a requester without the private or restricted

information.

41. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium having computer executable

instructions for performing the method of claim 40, further comprising distributing the content

object as originally constituted in response to the privacy preferences ~~of the author of the content~~

~~object~~ or other restriction preferences being consistent with the content provider's policies.

42. Canceled

43. (Original) The computer-readable medium having computer executable instructions

for performing the method of claim 40, further comprising distributing any content object

responsive to the request to a privacy function.

44. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium having computer executable

instructions for performing the method of claim 43, further comprising parsing the content object

to separate the privacy preferences ~~of an author of the content object~~ or other restriction

preferences from an unrestricted portion of the content object.

45. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium having computer executable

instructions for performing the method of claim 44, further comprising locating or accessing the

privacy preferences or restriction preferences using ~~an xLink~~ a link.